

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 03-04-05

Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska
August 17, 2005

Effective Date: 11:59 PM
August 19, 2005

Expiration Date: June 30, 2006
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska fall hunting season by registration permit RC860 for caribou in Unit 20E, except that portion within the Charley River drainage and within the Middle Fork of the Fortymile River upstream from and including the Joseph Creek drainage. Other units included in registration permit hunt RC860 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Therefore, registration permit hunt RC860 for caribou remains open in Unit 20E within the Charley River drainage and within the Middle Fork of the Fortymile River upstream from and including the Joseph Creek drainage, in Unit 20B south and east of the Steese Highway, in Unit 20D north of the south bank of the Tanana River, and in Unit 25C south and east of Preacher Creek and American Creek.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(15), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident	Nonresident
	Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Open Season
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Units and Bag Limits

Unit 20(E), that portion within the Charley River drainage and the Middle Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Joseph Creek drainage

**Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)****Nonresident
Open Season****RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 caribou by registration permit only;
up to 1,800 caribou may be taken under combined resident and nonresident bag limits in combination with Unit 20(B), that portion south and east of the Steese Highway, Unit 20(D), that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River, the remainder of Unit 20(E) and the remainder of Unit 25(C)

Aug. 10–Sept. 30
Dec. 1–Feb. 28

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Sept. 20

Remainder of Unit 20(E)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 caribou by registration permit only;
up to 1,800 caribou may be taken under combined resident and nonresident bag limits in combination with Unit 20(B), that portion south and east of the Steese Highway, Unit 20(D), that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River, Unit 20(E), that portion within the Charley River drainage and the Middle Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Joseph Creek drainage, and the remainder of Unit 25(C)

Aug. 10–Aug. 19
Dec. 1–Feb. 28

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit only

Aug. 10–Aug. 19

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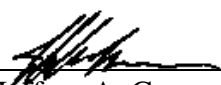
All other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 20 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

JUSTIFICATION:

In March 2000, the Alaska Board of Game endorsed the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan as a means of guiding harvest of the herd from 2001–2006. The annual harvest quota is allocated seasonally: 75% to the fall hunt and 25% to the winter hunt. The fall harvest quota is further subdivided into areas within registration hunt RC860, each with its own quota. During fall 2005, the quota for the portion of RC860 in Unit 20E is 320 caribou, of which 80 can be cows. Several thousand Fortymile caribou were in the accessible portion of Unit 20E during the first 10 days of the fall season resulting in a high harvest. We expect the harvest quota will be reached by the date and time of closure. No further fall harvest is warranted in this portion of Unit 20E.

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Commissioner

By delegation to: _____


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